

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for generating a programme for presentation to a user such that the presented programme is made up from a sequence of programme elements each of which is a programme clip taken from at least one distributed programme and each of which represents an event, each programme element being classified on the basis of the event represented by the programme element, each programme element being stored with at least one associated programme element classification code, each classification code identifying a class to which the event represented by the associated programme element has been allocated, and a programme being assembled for presentation to the user by selecting at least one programme classification code and generating an assembled programme in the form of a sequence of programme elements associated with the at least one programme classification code, wherein programme elements are classified using a set of event classes including a plurality of subsets of the event classes, classification of each programme element comprises receiving from a classification operator ~~making~~ at least one selection from at least one of the subsets, said selection determining at least one of the subsets from which future selections can be made, and the at least one selection generating the classification code associated with the programme element.

2. (Original) A method according to claim 1, wherein a plurality of programme elements representing temporally adjacent events are classified by the classification operator, and classifications of temporally earlier events determine the at least one subset of event classes from which the classification operator may make selections.

3. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the set of event classes contains classes having hierarchical relationships, and the subsets from which future selections can be made are determined by the hierarchical relationships.

4. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein the at least one subset from which selections can be made is symbolically displayed to the classification operator.

5. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, wherein each of said event classes has an associated icon.

6. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein selection of an event class comprises selection of an icon.

7. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 5, wherein each of the said icons is a symbolic representation of events associated with a respective event class.

8. (Cancelled).

9. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising operator selection of a subjective assessment of programme element value.

10. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising selecting of a set of classes from a predetermined plurality of sets of classes.

11. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, further comprising user selection of a latency value associated with said user selection.

12. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer programme that when executed on a computer carries for carrying out the method of claim 1.

13. (Previously Presented) A carrier medium carrying computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to carry out the method of claim 1.

14. (Previously Presented) A method of classifying programme elements, each of which is a programme clip taken from at least one distributed programme, and each of which represents an event, wherein programme elements are classified using a set of event classes including a plurality of subsets of the event classes, classification of each programme element comprises

receiving data indicating selection from at least one of the subsets, said selection determining at least one of the subsets from which future selections can be made, and the at least one selection generating a classification code associated with the programme element.

15. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein each programme element is classified on the basis of the event represented by the programme element.

16. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein each programme element is stored with at least one programme element classification code, and each programme element classification code identifies a class to which the event represented by the associated programme element has been allocated.

17. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein a plurality of programme elements representing temporary adjacent events are classified, and classifications of temporary earlier events determine the at least one subset of event classes from selections may be made.

18. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the set event classes contains classes having hierarchical relationships, and the subset from which future selections can be made are determined by the hierarchical relationships.

19. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein the at least one subset from which selections can be made is symbolically displayed to the classification operator.

20. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein each of said event classes has an associated icon.

21. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 20, wherein selection of an event class comprises of an icon.

22. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, wherein each of said icons is a symbolic representation of events associated with a respective event class.

23. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, further comprising receiving selection of a set of classes from a plurality of sets of classes.

24. (Previously Presented) A method according to claim 14, further comprising receiving selection data indicating selection of a subjective assessment of programme element value.

25. (Currently Amended) A computer readable storage medium storing a computer programme that when executed on a computer carries for carrying out the method of claim 14.

26. (Previously Presented) A carry medium carrying computer readable program code configured to cause a computer to carry out the method of claim 14.

27. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the classification of each of the programme elements comprises receiving data indicating selection from at least one of the subsets, wherein the classification is performed by the classification operator after the data is received indicating selection from at least one of the subsets.

28. (New) A method according to claim 1, wherein the user is the classification operator.

29. (New) A method according to claim 14, wherein the classification of each of the programme elements is performed by a user after the data is received indicating selection from at least one of the subsets.